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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Filing Date	March 10, 2000
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Art Unit	1761
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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on July 24, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☒ Other Response to Telephone Interview dated January 20, 2004
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☒ Other return postcard

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- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to:
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 770.00
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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